THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) The member presumably refers to the electoral rolls relating to the Local Authorities' Constituencies of the Madras Legislative Council. The rolls were last revised in 1953 with the qualifying date 1st April 1953 as prescribed in the Representation of People Act, 1950, and they will again be revised shortly with the qualifying date 1st April 1954. The rolls as revised this year will come into force only on 1st October 1954."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Is it a fact, Sir, that the roll was revised with respect to election to the Municipality which was favourable to the ruling party and it was not done in respect of Panchayats? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, it is absolutely incorrect to impute any motive in this connexion. We follow the procedure laid down in the Representation of People Act. I know it has led to certain anomalies. That is why we have taken up the matter with the Government of India and the matter is under consideration."

Scheme to bring waste lands under cultivation in Cuddalore taluk, South Arcot.

* 665 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of cultivable waste lands available in Cuddalore taluk, South Arcot district; and

(b) whether the Government have any proposal to bring them under cultivation through a scheme of co-operative farming?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Eeven thousand and twenty-one acres including 2,155 acres already under sivoi-jama cultivation."

" (b) No, Sir."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" Sir, may I know from the Hon. Minister for Health whether the Government would come forward to assign these cultivable waste lands to the Harijans and the landless poor in Cuddalore taluk? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I understand from my Hon. Colleague, the Minister for Revenue that there is already a proposal to that effect."

Appointment of candidates belonging to Backward and Harijan Communities in the High Court Service.

* 666 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM (on behalf of Sri D. Dasarathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the selection posts in the High Court Services;

(b) whether there is any reservation among these posts for Backward and Harijan Communities ;

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(c) what the feeder posts are for the selection of Sub-Magistrates and District Munsifs; and

(d) whether there is any reservation in these feeder posts for the Backward and Harijan Communities?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) A statement [a], showing the selection posts in the Madras High Court Service is laid on the table of the House.

" (b) The answer is in the negative.

" (c) A statement[a] showing the feeder services for the posts of Sub-Magistrates and District Munsifs is laid on the table of the House.

" (d) The answer is in the negative."

Royal Columbia Umbrella Works, Kozhikode.

* 667 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Labour Officer, Kozhikode, has recommended for adjudication the dispute between the Management of the Royal Columbia Umbrella Works, Kozhikode, and the workers on the question of the dismissal of three workers by the Management; and

(b) if so, why the dispute has not been referred for adjudication?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The Labour Commissioner did not consider it desirable to interfere in disciplinary matters. The Government agreed with him."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know the basis on which the Government send a case for adjudication and whether this case was not found fit for being sent for adjudication? May I also know from the Hon. Minister for Labour whether it is not a fact that the Lobaur Officer recommended this case to be referred for adjudication? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, so far as the Labour Department is concerned, the Commissioner of Labour is the final authority and it was the recommendation of the Commissioner that this was not a fit case for adjudication. Government agreed with the recommendation of the Labour Commissioner."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that if the workers are dismissed unreasonably the workers have only one way of getting justice rendered to them, namely, approaching the Industrial Tribunal or Court; why should Government stand in the way of workers getting justice from the Court? Is it the policy of the Government not to send cases for adjudication when workers want it? "

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 581–583 infra.